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Application No.: 09/817,895	)	Group Art Unit: 2861
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Filed: March 28, 2001	)	Examiner: H. C. Pham
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING SYSTEM	)	<b>Mail Stop RCE</b>
AND INFORMATION RECORDING	)	
METHOD	)	

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

The listed documents were previously cited in a related-technology Application No. 09/819,721 ("the '721 application"), filed on March 29, 2001, that is commonly assigned to Pioneer Corporation. For the convenience of the Examiner in the instant application, Applicants are attaching hereto the following materials from the application file of the '721 application:

1. Copies of Office Actions dated August 29, 2003, May 19, 2004, and December 7, 2004 from the prosecution of the '721 application; and

2. A European Search Report dated May 25, 2004 that was filed, along with its cited references, in the '721 application in an IDS on August 11, 2004.

Copies of the non-U.S. documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are also attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents is material or constitutes "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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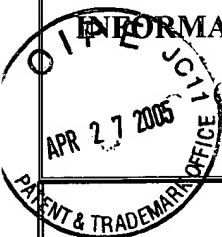
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